

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 00/01 - 16

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2000/01 ADOPTIONS ALLOCATION  
(BASIC PROGRAM, ADOPTIONS INITIATIVE AND BACKLOG  
REDUCTION)

The purpose of this letter is to provide County Welfare Departments with the allocation for the Basic Program, Adoptions Initiative, and Backlog Reduction.

**Basic Program & Adoptions Initiative**

The Budget Act of 2000 approved a total of \$65.4 million of which \$38.0 million is State General Fund (SGF). Pursuant to the 2000 Budget and in accordance with the Governor's 1996 Adoption Initiative, the statewide budget continues to be linked to individual county performance agreements to ensure that funding will lead to increased adoption placements.

To budget the funds for FY 2000/01, the actual unit cost for adoptions case workers was computed by taking the total program costs from the County Expense Claims (CEC) calendar year 1999, plus a 4.09 percent cost-of-doing-business, and dividing by the number of actual Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) for each county for the same time periods. The resulting unit cost for each county was then multiplied by the county's performance agreement FTEs (including independent adoptions) to arrive at a total adoption budget.

As in the prior year, an adjustment was made to each county's allocation based on its percentage of the SGF necessary to fund 6.5 county staff positions on loan to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). This staff will assist in supporting the initiative's efforts to remove practice, policy, regulatory and statutory barriers in the program. The attachment contains each county's SGF allocation pursuant to this adjustment.

It should be noted that while the number of FTEs funded by counties is consistent with the prior year, there are fluctuations in individual county allocations from FY 1999/00 to FY 2000/01. These fluctuations are due to the updated unit cost developed using the above methodology.

## **Adoptions Backlog Reduction**

The Budget Act of 2000 authorized an augmentation of \$22.0 million (\$12.7 million SGF) to provide for the placement of children whose parental rights were terminated but have not been placed for adoption. The Legislature viewed this population as a backlog of pending cases and dedicated these resources to eliminate the backlog. This one-time funding, which has no county match, has been allocated in accordance with the attached table to counties with an identified backlog. These funds can be used solely for the purposes of reducing the identified backlog. The Adoptions Initiative Bureau will issue additional instructions to the counties for the use of these one-time funds and on tracking the reduction of backlogged cases.

Adoptions program and staff development costs, including those for the Backlog Reduction, reported on the County Expense Claim will be charged to the adoptions program allocation as follows:

- 117 – Adoptions, Case Management
- 118 – Adoptions, Independent
- 123 – Adoptions, Federal Direct Costs
- 125 – Adoptions, Training

The state share exceeding the allocation will be shifted to the county share on State Use Only (SUO) Code 191.

Questions concerning the allocation methodology should be directed to your County Financial Analysis Bureau analyst at (916) 657-3806. Questions concerning the Adoption Initiative or Performance Agreements should be directed to Joe Magruder or Maria Barriga of the Adoptions Initiative Bureau at (916) 322-4227.

***Original Document Signed by  
Douglas. D. Park on 7/19/00***

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Attachment

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# 2000/01 ADOPTION - BASIC, INITIATIVE & BACKLOG REDUCTION

COUNTIES	BASIC & INITIATIVE STATE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION	BACKLOG REDUCTION STATE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION	Total STATE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION
ALAMEDA	\$1,285,528	\$510,461	\$1,795,989
ALPINE	\$0	\$0	\$0
AMADOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
BUTTE	\$0	\$0	\$0
CALAVERAS	\$0	\$0	\$0
COLUSA	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONTRA COSTA	\$1,155,043	\$0	\$1,155,043
DEL NORTE	\$0	\$0	\$0
EL DORADO	\$105,008	\$51,046	\$156,054
FRESNO	\$563,845	\$650,838	\$1,214,683
GLENN	\$0	\$0	\$0
HUMBOLDT	\$0	\$0	\$0
IMPERIAL	\$83,127	\$0	\$83,127
INYO	\$0	\$0	\$0
KERN	\$858,437	\$625,315	\$1,483,752
KINGS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LAKE	\$0	\$0	\$0
LASSEN	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOS ANGELES	\$13,109,325	\$6,946,522	\$20,055,847
MADERA	\$0	\$0	\$0
MARIN	\$184,034	\$21,269	\$205,303
MARIPOSA	\$0	\$0	\$0
MENDOCINO	\$0	\$0	\$0
MERCED	\$178,426	\$38,285	\$216,711
MODOC	\$0	\$0	\$0
MONO	\$0	\$0	\$0
MONTEREY	\$501,197	\$59,554	\$560,751
NAPA	\$0	\$0	\$0
NEVADA	\$0	\$0	\$0
ORANGE	\$2,546,135	\$531,730	\$3,077,865
PLACER	\$116,344	\$59,554	\$175,898
PLUMAS	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIVERSIDE	\$1,572,230	\$446,653	\$2,018,883
SACRAMENTO	\$1,456,689	\$999,653	\$2,456,342
SAN BENITO	\$0	\$0	\$0
SAN BERNARDINO	\$1,883,277	\$723,153	\$2,606,430
SAN DIEGO	\$4,106,350	\$255,230	\$4,361,580
SAN FRANCISCO	\$1,765,898	\$242,469	\$2,008,367
SAN JOAQUIN	\$1,162,403	\$0	\$1,162,403
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$456,803	\$80,823	\$537,626
SAN MATEO	\$945,734	\$89,331	\$1,035,065
SANTA BARBARA	\$198,369	\$42,538	\$240,907
SANTA CLARA	\$1,548,943	\$157,392	\$1,706,335
SANTA CRUZ	\$291,704	\$0	\$291,704
SHASTA	\$268,140	\$8,508	\$276,648
SIERRA	\$0	\$0	\$0
SISKIYOU	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOLANO	\$253,862	\$17,015	\$270,877
SONOMA	\$0	\$0	\$0
STANSLAUS	\$330,125	\$0	\$330,125
SUTTER	\$0	\$0	\$0
TEHAMA	\$0	\$0	\$0
TRINITY	\$0	\$0	\$0
TULARE	\$244,912	\$178,661	\$423,573
TUOLUMNE	\$0	\$0	\$0
VENTURA	\$334,630	\$0	\$334,630
YOLO	\$0	\$0	\$0
YUBA	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,506,520</b>	<b>\$12,736,000</b>	<b>\$50,242,520</b>